◎明夏羽

いのえんき。「話せばわかり合える」という優しい甘。
ちょろい考えを抱えために登場させたやつ。ものたりが
「ツンデレにうがいない」といけ
声もチラホラ有り。
最終的(血縞)
に斬られるハズが
生き残りました。
ラッ!?

デコちゃんに
惚れって何と
言いマス。

為結婚でのシスク
髪が束ねて重そう
カンジでした。

◎汐砂

-あダロウ、一つ目の処理を
どうするかで担当K氏とモメに
モメたやつ。「片方の目が髪に
隠れている感じに」というK氏の
意見をキックしてノーマルモノアイ
な的妥協を通しました。

はらぼら
かわいー!

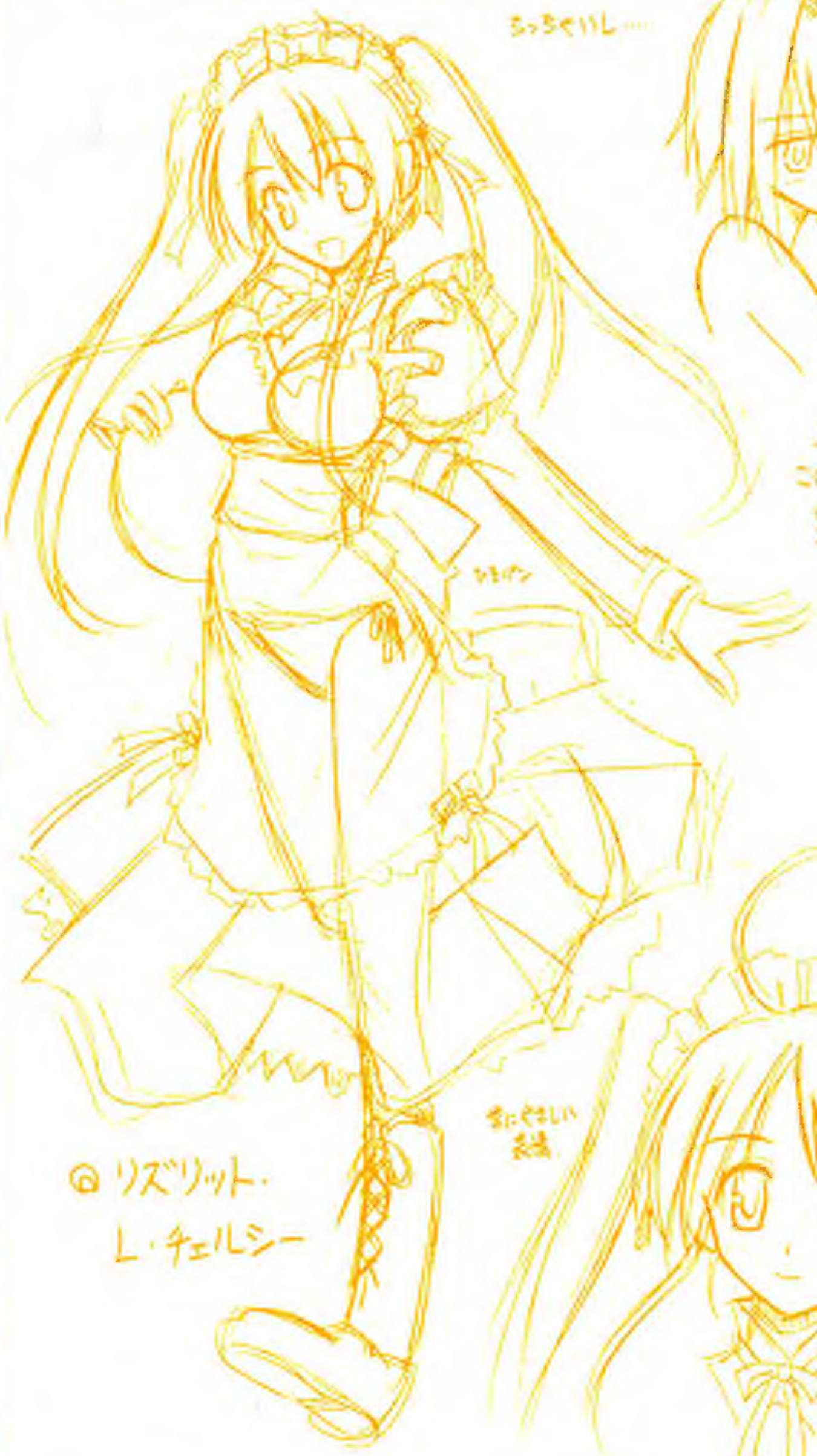
-となる

◎静水久　シズク

お気に入りのダウン系ロリです。
元ネタ　無表情　顔色が水死体・常にヌレヌレが基本設定だったんですが、実際は意外と表情豊かで好評ですねー。
感情の振れ幅は狭いですけど。
攻撃・防御・回復と三拍子そろった扱いやすいキャラ。いろいろ物知りなので作者にとっても便利です。w

らっちぐいし……

正体は乳
この姿ではヒロインです。



◎リズリット・L・チェルシー

的良マンがつとものメイドさんです。w　フリーじゃないキャラの為、『おまもり』の中でフリーの女の子っぽいです。人間じゃないのに…w　デザイン的には目の大きいデレ顔の似合うヒロインっぽい感じ。オッパイも緋数より少し大きいです。　出番が少ないわりに人気が高いような気が…

ロングスカートもポイントが高かったりして!?

おまもりひまり

OMAMORI HIMARI

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NO, I'M ALL RIGHT.

BUT GRANDMA AND GRANDPA ARE PROBABLY GOING TO BE ANGRY WITH ME.

MILORD..... MILORD.... ART THOU UNHARMED? 'TIS NOT A SERIOUS INJURY, IS IT?

GRANDFATHER SHANT BE ANGRY WITH THEE, MILORD.

SHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

THAT'S ALL RIGHT. JUST YOU BEING HERE WITH ME IS ENOUGH TO KEEP ME FROM BEING AFRAID.

SETTING THE MATTER ASIDE, I BEG THY FORGIVENESS... WERE IT NOT FOR ME COMING ALONG WITH THEE, THIS WOULD NE'ER HAVE HAPPENED.

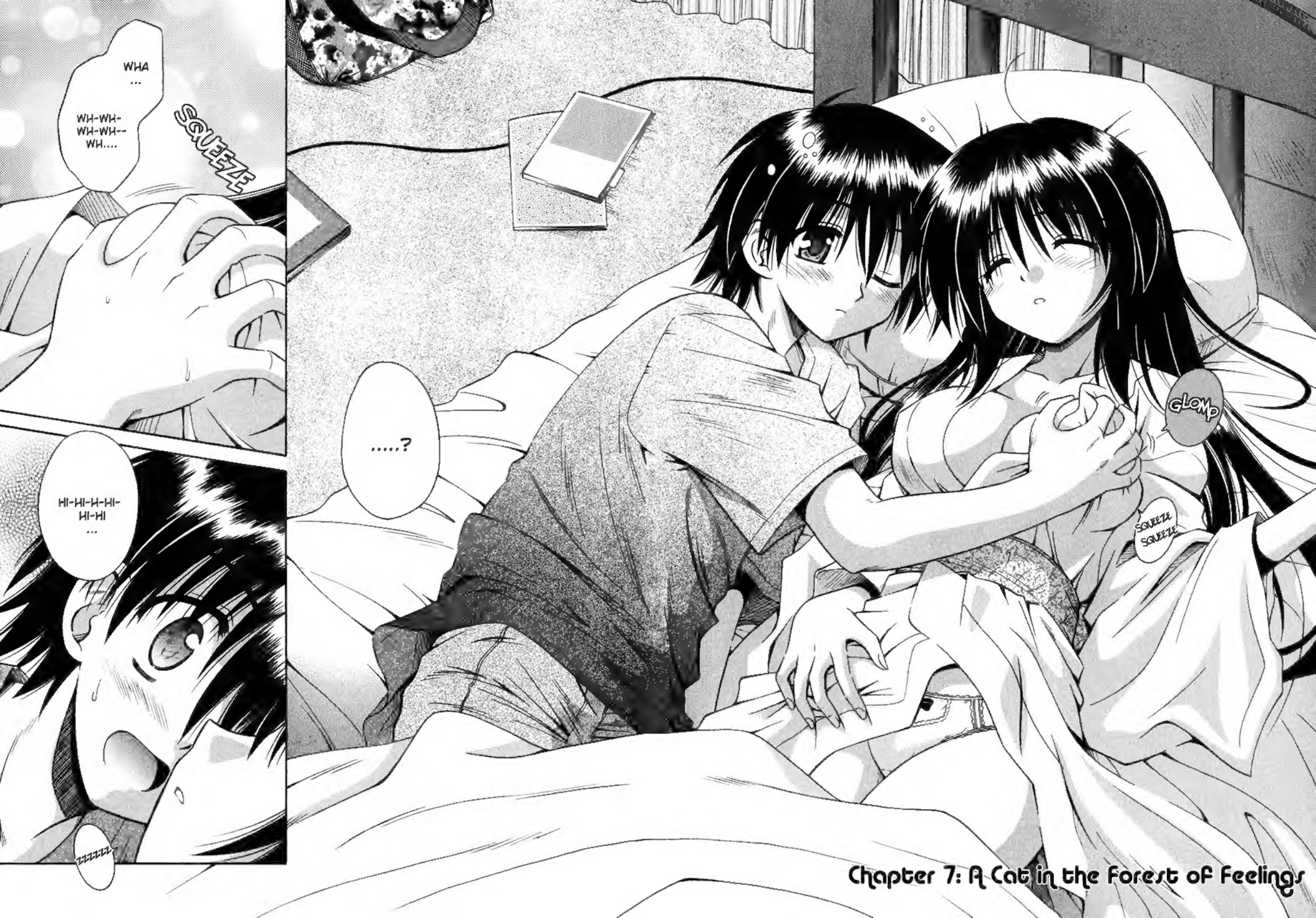
JUST YOU BEING WITH ME IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FEEL SAFE.

MILORD...

TWEET

LIGHNNN .... WITH YOU ....

TWEET



Chapter 7: A Cat in the Forest of Feelings

UH...

I... I'VE GOT TO CALM DOWN... IF I CAUSE A COMMOTION...

HIMARI'S GOING TO WAKE UP AND NOTICE...

UHHH...

SQUEEZE SQUEEZE SQUEEZE

BUT SHE LOOKS SO CUTE WHEN SHE'S ASLEEP AND HER BREASTS ARE SO SOFT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TOUCH THEM.

IF I MASSAGE IT RIGOR-OUSLY....

Geh! What kind o' dirty things am I thinking about?!

NOW, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS THINK OF A WAY TO GET OUT OF BED AND DO SOMETHING ELSE WITH MY HAND.

Easy... nice and easy

DOST THOU FIND PLEA-SURE FROM A WOMAN'S BREAST, YOUNG MASTER?

ZZZZZ

OR MAYHAP THOU FIND'ST PLEASURE IN ONLY MINE?

HMMM?

I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! IT WASN'T ON...

THINK NOTHING OF IT. 'TIS NOT THE LEAST BIT UNPLEASANT WHEN THOU TOUCHEST ME WITH THY FACE AS RED AS AN APPLE.

GAAAA AAAH!!

HUH?

SLOSH

SLOSH ?!

THE BOTTOM HALF OF MY BODY IS WET?!

I-I-I-I-I-I-I COULDN'T HAVE... NOT AT THIS AGE!!

NO. DON'T TELL ME THAT SINCE HIMARI WAS NEXT TO ME I...

SWOSH

GOOD...

MORN-ING.

OH ....

She cut her hair?

SHINK

I WAS WORRIED THOU MAY YET TRY TO KILL HIM IN HIS SLEEP....

WHEREFORE ART THOU HITHER, MIZUCHI?

DON'T GET SO EXCITED .... CAT.

I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS HERE TO OBSERVE THE DEMON-SLAYER .....

IS THAT TRIFLED EXCUSE REASON ENOUGH FOR THOU TO VIOLATE OUR BED?

UM, I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SLEEPING IN IT.

HOW DISGUSTING ....

AMAKAWA YUUTO, DO YOU ALWAYS SHARE THE SAME BED WITH THIS... CAT?

NOT ALL THE TIME!!

HOW ..... DIRTY...

DIRTY?

GA

SP

DISGUSTING?

WE MERELY WISH TO FEEL EACH OTHER'S WARMTH TO PUT OUR HEARTS AT EASE

GLOMP

DISGUST-ING? THOU DOST SOUND LIKE A FOOL.

SIGH

OH NO YOU DON'T!

IN THAT CASE THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEMS WITH ME SLEEPING IN THE BED TOO... RIGHT?

I SLEEP BEST WHEN I SLEEP ALONE!!

I WON'T TRY TO KILL YOU IN YOUR SLEEP.

TUG TUG

I'M PERFECTLY FINE WITH A LATE NIGHT OR EARLY MORNING ATTACK.

Blush

HMPH! A NAUGHTY LITTLE KITTY LIKE YOU IS JUST AN OVERWHELMING INVITATION TO BE SENT STRAIGHT TO HELL FOR PERVERTS AND HE'S ALREADY BEEN CAUGHT WITH HIS HAND IN THE COOKIE JAR.

DON'T LET HER FOOL THEE, YOUNG MASTER!! SHE DOTH BE TRYING TO DECEIVE THEE!!

As if thy little breasts could please the young master!!

CUT IT OUT! IF RINKO WALKS IN AND SEES SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN, SHE'S GOING TO...

Something is on my head!

I'M GOING TO WHAT .....?

GAH! RINKO!!

WELL, WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GETTING SOME SERVICE FROM TWO CUTE GIRLS

YOU SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG WELL.

ISN'T THAT NICE? GOOD FOR YOU!

SCOOT SCOOT

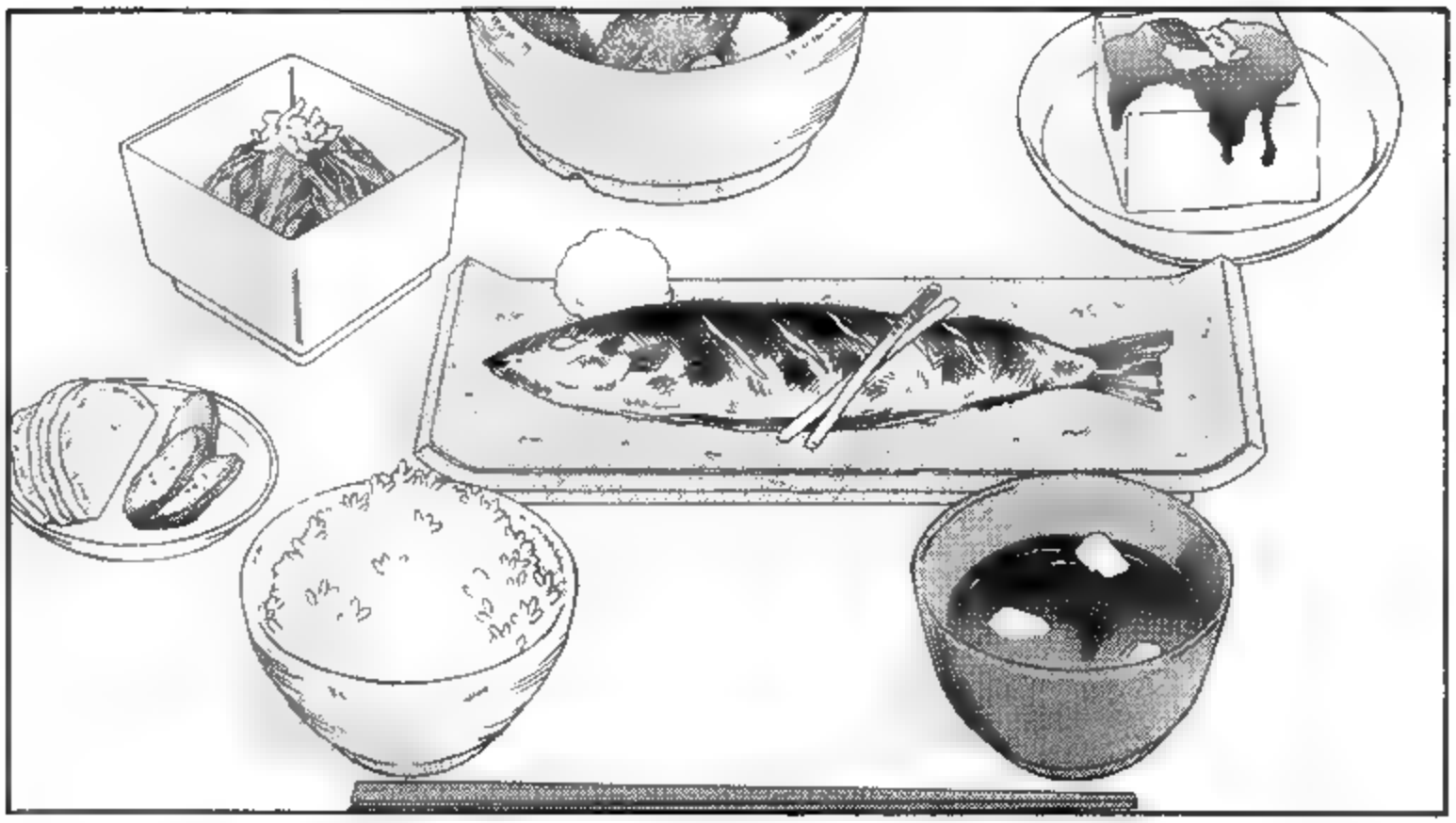
SFX: *SMACK*

FUCK

SQUEEZE

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

YOU MUST BE REALLY HAPPY NOW!!



It's Japanese style
WOAH

HUH? THEN WHO...
I-IT WASN'T ME IT WAS ALREADY MADE WHEN I GOT HERE.

THIS IS GREAT, RINKO, YOU REALLY WENT ALL OUT!
HUH?

GLARE

DON'T TELL ME .. SHIZUKU DID?!

NO WAY!!

JUST HURRY UP ..... AND EAT.

munch munch

NUNCH

TH-THIS IS GREAT!

munch munch

DAMN.. IT'S JUST PLAIN GOOD!

MAYHAP HALF A MONTH...

munch munch

WITH A BIT OF PRACTICE, I COULD DO THIS IN TWO OR THREE DAYS....

I'VE AL-READY... DONE THAT.

I'VE FIN-ISHED EATING. I'LL DO THE WASHING

HIMARI?

SLAM

WELL SORRY FOR IT BEING DIRTY.

I DID THAT YESTERDAY I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN A DIRTY HOUSE EITHER.

THEN I'LL DO SOME CLEANING ..

THIS LOLI GIRL'S NOT TOO SHABBY .....

WOW. SHE'S REALLY PRESSING ON HIMARI.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR ME.....

I DIDN'T EXPECT THIS FROM YOU.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT HOUSEWORK WAS YOUR SPECIALTY?

AT THIS RATE, EVEN MY POSITION IS IN DANGER!!

THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR ME TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THE CAT!

BEFORE MY CLAN WAS DESTROYED BY THE DEMON-SLAYERS.....

DAILY CHORES SUCH AS THIS WERE CONSIDERED FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THOSE USED FOR FIGHTING

SFX: "SWISH SWISH"

#!!#!!

BUT

WHAT CAN YOU DO IN THE PEACEFUL LIVELIHOOD THIS MAN DESIRES IF THERE WON'T BE ANY FIGHTING .....
CAT?!

GLARE

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO, IS THERE?

HMPH .....

'TIS ONLY NATURAL.

'TIS NO NEED FOR A SWORD IN A TIME OF PEACE.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO, WHY DON'T YOU GO SHOPPING?

Besides the refrigerator is empty

AH! HIMARI!

VERY WELL

.....

.. SO WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

You're good at making tea too~

寿

HMMM.
IF THAT IS HIS TRUE INTENTION, THEN WHY DON'T WE SPY ON HIM A BIT?

THAT WAY NO MORE BLOOD WILL BE SPILLED UNNECESSARILY

IT'S JUST STRANGE!

UP UNTIL YESTERDAY YOU WERE OUT TO KILL HIM! HOW CAN YOU BE LIKE THIS NOW?!

UP TO ...?

OKAY.

SHIZUKU, YOU GO AND SEDUCE THAT DEMON-SLAYER BOY

BESIDES, IT WOULD TAKE US BACK TO THE DAYS BEFORE THE DEMON-SLAYERS APPEARED AND SEALED DEMONS AWAY

THERE AREN'T MANY BOYS WHO CAN RESIST LITTLE GIRLS....

WH- WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

SHE REALLY DOESN'T TRY TO HIDE ANY-THING

AND THAT'S IT

SLAM

EEEEE EEEK!

SWOOSH

S-SEDUCE HIM?!

YUUTO WOULDN'T FALL FOR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!

WOOSH

I ALREADY KNOW THAT HE IS WEAK WHEN CONFRONTED BY THE OPPOSITE SEX!

Y-YUUTO! YOU SAW! YOU SAW DIDN'T YOU?!

N-N-N-N-N-NO! UM, I-I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR HIMARI!

HIMARI!

THERE'S NO USE WORRYING THYSELF OVER IT.

EVEN SHI-ZUKU SAID THAT IT'D BE OK IF WE SPLIT THE CHORES UP...

FORGIVE ME, YOUNG MASTER, BUT I'VE YET TO FINISH WITH MY ERRANDS

HIMARI!

GIVE IT A REST, YOUNG MASTER.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT LUNCH YOU MADE ME A WHILE AGO?

THERE IS A POINT TO WHAT SHE SAID. I HAVE NO OTHER SKILLS APART FROM SWORD FIGHTING

YES..... THE MIZUCHI BESTED ME THIS TIME, BUT I STILL HAVE DUTIES TO PERFORM.

IS THIS FOR THE BEST?

EVEN A GUARDIAN HAS ITS OWN WILL!

BUT HIMARI...

THY TONGUE WAGS TOO MUCH!

I WILL NOT LOSE.

I DO NOT NEED THY SYMPATHY!

A SWORD IS A SWORD. IF IT ISN'T NEEDED, WOULD IT NOT BE BEST TO THROW IT AWAY?

I FEEL MORE RELAXED WHENEVER YOU'RE AROUND.

JUST YOU BEING WITH ME IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FEEL SAFE.
I REALLY DO FEEL AT EASE WHENEVER YOU'RE WITH ME.
AND THAT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU PROTECT ME.
HMPH... WHAT NON-SENSE.

DOST THOU REALLY THINK SUCH WORDS ART ENOUGH TO SUBDUE ME?

THOU ART A FOOL!

COME, YOUNG MASTER, THOU CANST ACCOMPANY ME ON MY ERRANDS.

GRAB

N-NO, I'M NOT REALLY TRYING TO PERSUADE YOU TO DO ANYTHING. I'M NOT!!

W-WHAT?!

HMMM?

HMMM. WALKING LIKE THIS MAKES US SEEM LIKE TWO NEWLYWEDS.

N-NEWLYWEDS?!

PLEASE, COME CHECK IT OUT! ♡

WE'RE HAVING A GRAND OPENING!

HUH? WHAT?

Somehow I have a bad feeling about this.

YOUNG MASTER, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT EVEN I CAN DO.

MY NAME IS LIZLETT L CHELSIE.

UH, UMMM... YOU MUST BE HIMARI, THE NEW GIRL

...

N- NICE TO MEET YOU ...

MILADY

W-WELL THEN, LET ME TEACH YOU HOW TO GREET THE CUSTOMERS. RIGHT THIS WAY

I-IT MUST BE THE TEA YOU'RE SMELLING.

SMELL'ST A MIGHT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PEOPLE 'TIS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION?

YOU SMELL KIND OF LIKE A BEAST OR SOMETHING YOURSELF.

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SO THAT'S WHY WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND LATELY

HUH?! MISS POMPUSS GOT HERSELF A PART TIME JOB?

SHE WAS PROBABLY FRUSTRATED WHEN SHIZUKA TOLD HER THAT SHE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING EARLIER.

BUT WHY DID SHE DECIDE TO BE A MAID ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I TOLD HER NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT BUT

IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S PROVING THAT SHE IS MORE THAN JUST A FREE LOADER.

BUT GETTING A PART TIME JOB IS SOMETHING THAT MISS POMPUSS CAN DO THAT YOU CAN'T

GLARE

YUUTO, YOU LOLICON ... .

ONICHAN! ONICHAN! PLEASE BE .. GENTLE

I AM NOT!!

HMM? IS THAT AMAKAWA AND KUZAKI?

IF I GO LIKE THIS AND SERVICE BOYS IT'D BE EASY TO EARN SOME . . .. SPENDING MONEY.

GLOMP

HEY! HEY! HEY!!!

I CAN EARN MONEY TOO .....

R-RIGHT! KISARAGI-SENSEI -------

YOU MEAN SE-N-SE-I DON'T YOU?!

GEH! SAE-CHAN!

OH?

AMAKAWA
.....

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING!! I DON'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING!!

WILL YOU STOP TRYING TO BE A SEX OFFENDER? I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF PROTECTING YOU.

IF YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH KUZAKI, THEN I DON'T CARE

YOU'RE YOUNG SO I UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF WANTING TO BOND WITH THE OPPOSITE SEX, BUT STOP HITTING ON THEM SO YOUNG.

WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SENSEI?!!!

IS SHE REALLY HUMAN .....?

... JOKES ASIDE, WHO IS THIS GIRL ANYWAY?

WELL, THAT'S FINE SINCE WE'RE ALL HERE, WHY DON'T I TREAT EVERYONE TO SOME TEA?

HUH?

ALL RIGHT! HOW LUCKY! ♡

NOIHARA .. NOIHARA HIMARI?

SO WE HAVE ANOTHER STRANGE COMBINATION.

IT SUITS MY TASTES.

THERE'S A CAFE NEARBY THAT I GO TO A LOT.

.....
SHIZUKU
.....

I'M RELATED TO NOIHARA .....

HERE IN MY PALE BLUE TEACUP, I POUR THE RICH BOU-QUET OF TEA.....

I CAME FROM ENGLAND 100 YEARS AGO TO HELP SPREAD DELICIOUS TEA THROUGHOUT JAPAN.

AND WHEN I SEE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DRINK IT PEACE-FULLY....

A LOT OF THINGS HAVE HAPPENED ALONG THE WAY, BUT RIGHT NOW I'M DELIGHTED TO SEE THE SMILING FACES OF MY CUSTOMERS IN THIS LOVELY SHOP.....♡

WELCOME! ♪

ding dong

AHH, AS A TEA SPIRIT NOTHING COULD MAKE ME HAPPIER--

WH-
WH-WH
.....?!

D-
DO YOU
PREFER
SMOKING
OR.....

YOU
SMOKE?!

SMOKING.

GAH
!?!

FOUR
PLEASE.

.....
DID HE
NOTICE
ME?!

HE FEELS
LIKE A
GHOST-
BUSTER OR
A BANE
HUNTER
OR SOME-
THING....

OH!
YOUNG
MASTER!!

IF I REMEMBER
RIGHT, SHE'S THE
GIRL WHO WAS IN
FRONT OF THE
TRAIN STATION
THE OTHER DAY
HANDING OUT
FLIERS.....
THEN HIMARI
IS HERE TOO?

THIS BOY
HAS A BAD
SMELL ABOUT
HIM....!

BOING

TWITCH TWITCH

YOUNG MASTER! THOU HAST COME!

HOW DO I LOOK IN A MAID UNIFORM? ♡

SFX: DUFF

HUH...?

SNIFFLE

BUT WHAT AN ODD TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.

....
WHY ARE YOUR EARS AND TAIL OUT?!!

My nose is running now!!

WELL, I THOUGHT IT CUTE AND IF THE CUSTOM-ERS FIND IT CUTE ALL THE BETTER, RIGHT?

I WOULD HAVE NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE A CAT GIRL TYPE IN A MAID COFFEE SHOP LIKE THIS.

OH! I SAY, IF T ISN'T MY HOME-ROOM TEACHER PAYING ME A VISIT.

SO, YOU WORK HERE PART TIME NOHARA?

PLEASE, STAY AS LONG AS THOU WISH'ST.

HIMARI-SAN!

REACH

shuffle shuffle

WELL THAT'S THE INFLUENCE OF ALL THE OTHER COFFEE SHOPS AROUND THE WORLD.

GET AWAY FROM HIM, ERO-WAIT-RESS!!

IN THAT CASE, CUT THE CAT MODE!!

WELL, I AM THE YOUNG MASTER'S EXCLUSIVE MAID!

WE MUST ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS RECEIVE FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT.

THAT'S RIGHT. AS TRUE MAIDS,

sweat

OUR DUTY IS TO HEAL MANY PEOPLE ONE OR MANY AND WAIT ON THEM IN THEIR TIME OF REST!

AND THEN...

GIVING EXCESSIVE ATTENTION TO ONE SPECIAL CUSTOMER IS AGAINST THE WAITRESS CODE!!

OH, SORRY. BEING NEW, I TEASED A MIGHT TOO MUCH.

I'LL HEAD TO THE KITCHEN.

YOUNG MASTER, LISTEN WELL.

THAT FOREIGN GIRL IS NO HUMAN. DO TAKE CARE.

!

HUH.....? THAT MAID GIRL THERE

IS A SPIRIT .....?!

H-HE'S WATCHING ME. HE KEEPS WATCHING ME EVERY NOW AND THEN
----

ooooo

I-I KNOW THERE ARE BANE HUNTERS IN THIS COUN-TRY.

LIZ-CHAN, THIS IS FOR TABLE 7.

AFTER BEING A WAITRESS FOR SO LONG I CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING.

THAT'S THE LOOK OF SOMEONE WHO'S WATCHING ME..!!

eek!

BUT FOR THEM TO COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS....

THAT'S NOT THE LOOK OF SOMEONE WHO LIKES TO WATCH GIRLS IN MAID UNIFORMS.

THAT'S....

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SHE WAS SCOUTING ME OUT FOR HIM.

LIZ-CHAN?

AND WITH THE WAY SHE WAS ACTING EARLIER, I BET HIMARI-SAN IS HIS ACCOMPLICE .....

BUT I.... FEEL I HAVE TO GET RID OF HIM WITH THIS!!

THIS IS A PLACE OF PEACE NOT ONLY FOR MY CUSTOMERS, BUT FOR ME TOO!

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO PROTECT THAT!!

RUMBLE

LIZ-CHAN, GET TO WORK.....

I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO USE THIS....

RUMMAGE

PINCH

.....

YEOCH!!?

WHAT?!

OH? AHAHAHA DOES THAT KIND OF THING EMT

WHY DON'T YOU WEAR ONE YOU KNOW?

YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THAT MAID ANIME A LOT CLOSELY

W-WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!

WHAT DO YOU WISH OF US TODAY MASTER?

W-WELCOME MASTER

YOU EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT ME WEARING IT DIDN'T YOU?

HUH? NO I JUST THOUGHT IT MIGHT LOOK NICE YOU KNOW?

HEY YOU JUST IMAGINED ME IN IT DIDN'T YOU?

ESPECIALLY HIMARI SINCE SHE USUALLY WEARS A KIMONO

BUT IT CERTAINLY IS A FRESH LOOK COMPARED TO WHAT THEY NORMALLY WEAR

WHAT PLAGUES THEE MAN! HURRY UP AND ORDER!

DOING SO WILL SPOIL THE FLAVOR!

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE ART THOU A MAN?! DON'T ADD SO MUCH SUGAR!

OH, I'M SURE. THEY MUST REALLY LIKE THE TSUN-DERE TYPE HERE.

..... SHE'S JUST ACTING LIKE THAT TO GET POPULAR WITH THE LOCALS, RIGHT?

IT LOOKS REALLY CUTE ON HER....

CLATTER

TAKE YOUR TIME

AHH. SMELLS GOOD.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

ONE EARL GRAY AND TWO ASSAM DARJEELING'S.

HMM?

SLURP

I CAN'T LET YOU KILL ME .....

I'M SORRY.

STRETCH

slurp

slurp

PFFF

ZWOORN

whisper

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SHIZUKA?!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF SENSE AND THE OTHER PEOPLE SEE YOU?!

CAT.

IT'S THE BLONDE GIRL'S .....

DOING.

SFX: RUN

pffwoo

HMM? WHAT'S WRONG?

AH, WE..., NOTHING.

IT'S POISONED

HUH .....?

SFX: *SLICE*

AAAAAH ?!

I'M AGAINST VIOLENCE.

I DIDN'T KNOW THY PURPOSE SO I OBSERVED YOU. I FIGURED THOU WOULDST MAKE A MOVE.

I AM NOIHARA, THE CRIMSON BLADE. I'M THE YOUNG MASTER'S GUARDIAN.

THEN WHAT DOST THOU CALL POISONING ?!!

EEEEEK!!

SFX: *CRASH*

CUT IT OUT, HIMARI, THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE HERE!

I DON'T KNOW HER. I DON'T KNOW HER

SIP SIP

SFX: "CLATTER"

SFX: "SWOOSH"

I'M A TEA SPIRIT!!

GET BACK HERE, TEA FIEND!!

IS THIS SOMETHING NEW WITH THE REOPENING A FEW DAYS AGO?

THERE WAS NEVER AN ATTRACTION LIKE THIS BEFORE..

CLANK

OOF.

GAH ?!

CAFE DIS-SEMINATION !!

SFX: "WHLIMP"

SFX: "SHHHHHHH"

SFX WHAM

UH_____
GH_____

UH
WAIT
PLEASE
JUST CALM
DOWN!

SLICE

SFX *SN-- SA SH---*

SURE-KILL
TECHNIQUE:
BLACK TEA
DROP!!

.....?

I DIDN'T FEEL ANY RESIS-TANCE?

HIMARI!

....

Eek!

. TH-THAT'S MEAN! YOU POKED A HOLE IN MY MAID UNIFORM!!

JUST FORGET ABOUT HER ALL READY!

I'M SURE SHE HAS SOME SORT OF REASON...

DO NOT COME HITHER, YOUNG MASTER, SHE HAS YET

S-STAY AWAY ~~~~~~!

SHE'S NEITHER A SPIRIT NOR FIEND.... OF TEA.

I SEE. THAT'S WHY MY SWORD HAD NO EFFECT ON HER. THEN HER REAL BODY....

N-NO, I'M NOT REALLY A SPIRIT OF TEA.....

oooo they sound out

IF SHE WERE REALLY A SPIRIT OF TEA, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF POWER IN THE TEA ITSELF.....

BUT THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.... IN THE WATER.

RUN

HIMARI?

MASTER! IS THERE AN ITEM OF SOMASTER! IS THERE AN ITEM OF SOME SORT CONCERNING TEA. MAYHAP IT WAS IMPORTED FROM SOMEWHERE?!ME SORT CONCERNING TEA, MAYHAP T WAS IMPORTED FROM SOMEWHERE?!

WE HAVE A FULL SET, BUT THIS TEA CUP FROM GREAT BRITAIN SEEMS ESPECIALLY OLD.

HUH? YEAH, THERE IS ....

I FOUND IT IN AN ANTIQUE SHOP.

STOP IT!
STOP IT!
STOP IT!
YOU'LL KILL
ME
~~~~~~~!

I KNEW
IT! THOU
ART A
TSUKU-
MOGAMI!!

AH!

SLIP...

SFX - WIND

EEEEEEK!!

THIS IS
HER REAL
BODY!!

TRIP

AH!

M-M-M-
MY BODY!!!

WHUMP
~~~~~~~

WATCHING YOU FOR A WHILE, I SAW THAT YOU REALLY WERE THINKING OF YOUR CUSTOMERS WHILE WORKING

I DIDN'T FEEL ANY EVIL FROM YOU AT ALL.

Y-YEAH.

.....AH

THANK YOU.

BUT, UMMM.. WHY.....?

I GUESS..... BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD SPIRIT TO ME.

I HAD A FEELING YOU WOULD SAY THAT.

I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!

waaaah

I'M SORRY .....

I THOUGHT YOU HAD COME HERE TO KILL ME.....

W- WELL.

JUST FROM THAT I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE POISON SOMEONE'S TEA.

ha ha ha

I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTIONS OF KILLING YOU.

DON'T WORRY.

YEAH. YOU CAN SERVE ME A NICE CUP OF TEA, TOO.

MINUS THE POISON, OF COURSE.

TH-THEN I CAN STAY HERE LIKE ALWAYS ....?

O..... OK!!

THOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT LIZLETT DIDN'T HARBOR ANY ILL WILL BEFORE THEN.

ALL SHE DID WAS SERVE HER CUSTOMERS.

I WON'T LET ANYONE HUNT THE YOUNG MASTER.

I guess a spirit is more suited to a partnership anyway

too

I'm really grateful

.....
SO IN THE END, SHE JUST WENT VIOLENT OUT OF.... FEAR.

EVEN FIGHTING HAS IT'S REASONS.

THE YOUNG MASTER CAN FEEL THAT SORT OF THING?

SO IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S A HUMAN OR A SPIRIT .....

I.....

I WONDER IF I CAN MAKE THE YOUNG MASTER SMILE LIKE THAT.....

AS IF I WOULD KNOW.

.....

IN THE END, ALL THE FIGHTING AND DESTRUCTION DIDN'T EVEN MAKE THE NEWS.

HOW MUCH DO WE OWE YOU?

THAT WAS QUITE A SHOW.

NOIHARA

I SUPPOSE SOMEONE OR SOMETHING USED THEIR POWERS TO WIPE THE MEMORIES.

FURTHERMORE, IT SEEMS THAT ANYONE WHO WAS IN THE SHOP WHEN SENSEI ENTERED DOESN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

THE NEXT DAY...

.....
WH-
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS?!

GASP

.....

YOU LIKE THIS LOOK, DON'T YOU YUUTO?

MASTER, YOU'RE SO ..... ECCHI.

WH- WH.....

Shizuku too?

AH, NO, H MARI, DON'T.....

Behold! shall show thee the true essence of the cat-eared maid!

OH? LOOKS LIKE I HAVE COMPETITION. HOW AMUSING .....

SO DON'T GIVE THEM ANY STRANGE LOOKS OR HAVE PERVERTED THOUGHTS ABOUT THEM RACING THROUGH YOUR MIND, OK?

A MAID'S CLOTHES ARE THE ATTIRE SHE WEARS AS HER UNIFORM.

Chapter 9 The Girl Who Loves Cats

Red Ribbon

GOOD GRIEF, YULITO, YOU'RE A BOY AREN'T YOU?

IF YOU ARE, THEN PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!

YOU'RE JUST BEING A COWARD GIVING UP AFTER GETTING A DOSE OF "DON'T BOTHER ME RIGHT NOW."

SO WHAT?

I'M FINE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE

YOU'RE ACTING MORE LIKE A KID NOW THAN THOSE GUYS WHO ARE TEASING YOU!

Chapter 9: The Girl Who Loves Cats' Red Ribbon.

Yeeeowch!! That hurt!!

tug *tug*

THIS HAS BECOME A HABIT NOW.

WELL, A NORMAL GIRL WOULD PROBABLY TAKE THEM OUT WHEN THEY'RE AT LEAST CHANGING CLOTHES.

Pat *Pat*

OWWWW I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO PULL MY HAIR OUT

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WHEN I SLEEP AND WHEN I TAKE A BATH, I NEVER TAKE THESE RIBBONS OFF.

WE..., THERE IS ONE DAY-- A SPECIAL DAY-- WHEN I DO TAKE THEM OFF.

Hey King-cat, how are you?

THE DAY THAT THESE RIBBONS REACH THE END OF THE R ONE YEAR LIFE IS COMING SOON!!

MOM, I'M GOING OUT TO MEET A FRIEND.

ALL RIGHT. HAVE FUN, BUT BE CAREFUL!

I'd love to have these clothes, but my allowance just isn't enough.

M·M

....OH? OH? OH? OH?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Welcome!

RINKO, OVER HERE.

Sorry, but it's only me today!!

"fidget" "fidget"

WELL I WAS WONDERING.. YUUTO-SAN WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE WITH YOU TODAY WOULD HE?

WELL SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY DONE THIS MUCH, YOU CAN HAVE FUN WITH THE SECOND HALF OF YOUR SUMMER VACATION.

.....

YOU DID GET QUITE A FEW ANSWERS WRONG THOUGH.

HEH HEH HEH. NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL FOR THE GREAT RINKO!

.....

WELL NOW, THAT WASN'T TOO BAD.

WELL, SINCE YOU ARE JUST A SUPPORTER AFTER ALL, I REALLY CAN'T FORCE YOU TO APPEAR IN THE MEET IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.

....AHAHAHA

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, EVERYONE IN THE SPORTS CLUB HAS BEEN PRETTY DOWN

SIP

THEY'VE ALL BEEN SAYING, "THE NEXT TOURNAMENT IS SO CLOSE, I WONDER IF KUZAKI-SAN IS GOING TO SHOW UP."

Wh--
What are---
What are you asking that for?!

Nothing has happened, by the way

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND AMAKAWA-KUN?

!!

YOU TWO ALWAYS GO TO THE SUMMER FESTIVAL HELD AT THE TEMPLE TWO DAYS FROM NOW.

YOU TWO SHOULD REALLY JUST TAKE THE NEXT STEP ALREADY.

FOR MANY YEARS NOW--

THAT'S RIGHT. THE SUMMER FESTIVAL IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR YUUTO AND ME.

THE SUMMER FESTIVAL..

NO, IT WAS MORE LIKE HE WASN'T EVEN ALIVE RATHER THAN GLOOMY

YUUTO WAS

A REALLY GLOOMY KID.

WHEN I FIRST MET YUUTO, WE WERE IN OUR EARLY YEARS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

HIS EYES ALWAYS LOOKED AS IF HIS SOUL HAD BEEN SUCKED RIGHT OUT OF HIM.

IT ALL STARTED WHEN THE AMAKAWA FAMILY MOVED INTO MY NEIGHBORHOOD.

BUT WHEN I SAW HIM BEING TEASED AND NOT MAKING FRIENDS I FELT I HAD TO DO SOMETHING

OKAY

HE'S THE SAME AGE AS YOU, RIGHT?

I REALLY DON'T LIKE HIS EYES

SO BE SURE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH HIM OKAY?

THAT'S WHY I FELT THAT RATHER THAN POINTY HIM I WANTED TO CHANGE HIM

IT WAS ALL BECAUSE HE JUST DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE

WE PLAYED TOGETHER AND WE TALKED TOGETHER

WE WALKED TOGETHER

AND...

HIS MEMORIES OF LIFE BEFORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WERE ALL A BLUR.

HE WOULD NEVER BE WITHOUT THE CHARM HIS GRANDMOTHER GAVE HIM.

AND AS WE SPENT MORE AND MORE TIME TOGETHER I NOTICED SOME THINGS.

AND HE COULDN'T DEAL WELL WITH CATS

HE WOULD NEVER CLIMB A TREE NOR GET TOO CLOSE TO A CLIFF

AND WHEN THAT CAR ACCIDENT HAPPENED 7 YEARS AGO, WE BOTH CRIED TOGETHER.

THROUGH GREAT EFFORTS, HE CAME OUT OF HIS SHELL, HIS FACIAL EXPRESSION BECAME BRIGHTER AND HE STARTED MAKING MORE FRIENDS.

IT WAS AT THAT TIME WHEN WE STOPPED AFFIXING 'KUN' AND 'CHAN' TO EACH OTHER'S NAME

IF YOU ACT LIKE THAT, YOU'LL JUST MAKE ANY GUY YOU LIKE RUN AWAY IN TEARS.

YOU'RE TOO MUCH LIKE A BOY ALREADY.

SORRY, BUT I CAN ACT GRACEFUL AND CUTE FOR A GUY I LIKE.

YEAH, RIGHT.

Come on! You're already starting to shy away from people again!!

point

If you're a boy then straighten yourself out!!

IF YOU CAN DO IT, THEN DO IT FOR ME!

What's with that?!

HUH.....?

A... ALL RIGHT
A... ALL RIGHT THEN
"I CAN ALL
AND
NOW
NOW...?
YOU CAN DO IT RIGHT THERE OUT IN THE OPEN!
"IT'S THAT TIME OF THE
IF YOU DO THAT I'LL DO IT
BUY ME A RIBBON IN THE COLOR I CHOOSE THERE
A... ALL RIGHT IT'S A DEAL
BUT IN IT WOULD THERE'S AN ASSEMBLY HALL IN THE SUMMER FESTIVAL NEXT WEEK
AND FROM THAT POINT ON BUYING NEW RIBBONS EVERY YEAR WAS BECAME AN EVENT FOR US
THE NEXT YEAR WE REMEMBERED IT AND DID THE SAME THING

YUUTO-KUN'S HERE TO SEE YOU

RINKO!

S... SURE...

TAKE CARE OF RINKO FOR ME, OK? ♡

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING! LET'S GO!

NOT AT ALL IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.

I MUST LOOK WEIRD IN A YUKATA, HUH? A LOT DIFFERENT THAN HIMARI DOES.

Sparkle

SHIZUKU SAID IT'D REMIND HER OF THE WATER GOD RITUALS AND DIDN'T WANT TO GO.

YUUTO. WHERE ARE MISS PUMPUSS AND THE LOLI GIRL?

HUH?

AND IT SEEMS HIMARI HATES TEMPLES OR SOMETHING.

BEFORE, IT WAS NORMAL FOR IT TO BE ONLY US.

ONLY WHEN YUUTO'S 16TH BIRTHDAY CAME AROUND DID THINGS CHANGE

.....

OHH? JUST THE TWO OF US?

SINCE YUUTO IS A HUMAN, THE ONLY ONE FOR HIM

IS ANOTHER HUMAN!!

clutch

TH-THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE NOW

AND I DON'T WANT TO GET SEPARATED.

MURMUR

WHAT'S WRONG, RINKO?

HIMARI, SHIZUKU, LIZLETT....

THE NUMBER OF GIRLS WHO HAVE GOTTEN CLOSE TO YUUTO HAS GROWN, BUT THEY'RE SPIRITS NOT HUMAN

WE'LL JUST MEET BACK UP AT THE ACCESSORY SHOP

IT'S A LOT EASIER IF WE'RE SEPARATE

clutch

OF COURSE!

YOU'RE RIGHT YOU'RE GOING TO BUY RIBBONS FOR ME AGAIN THIS YEAR?

I SEE..

THERE. THAT ABOUT DOES IT.

YOU LOOK KIND OF SCARY THERE, RINKO...

NOT UNLESS THEY WANT A PIECE OF MY MIND TO GO WITH IT.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD TRY TO TAKE SOMETHING WITH AN OBVIOUS HISTORY SUCH AS THIS.

YEAH, THERE ARE.

THERE'S STILL QUITE A BIT OF OLD RIBBONS LEFT.

YEAH

IT'S THE SAME OL' AREA BEHIND THE TEMPLE WHERE WE USED TO PLAY

THINGS REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED HERE.

WELL, FORGET IT.

WILL YOU TIE THE RIBBONS IN FOR ME?

ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPLY SOMETHING?

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH EITHER, HAVE YOU?

gasp

Wh-Wh.....?!

YOU'VE GOTTEN A BIT CUTE

YOU HAVE CHANGED

Woah woah woah

U-Hey!

Ah!

rip

What are you saying?! You're embarrassing me!!

flap

flap

Huh

Eek!

OUCH!

I DON'T HAVE PLANS AGAIN!

!!

……

R-RINKO...

SORRY I GOT A LITTLE WORKED UP.

YUUTO..... YUUTO

AND HE'S TOUCHING MY BREASTS!

WHAT DO I DO?! WHAT DO I DO?! YUUTO'S LYING ON TOP OF ME

SFX: *THONK*

.....
I-IF YOU WANT....

YOU TWO SHOULD REALLY JUST TAKE THE NEXT STEP ALREADY.

*HUFF *HUFF

Eeek!!

Y-YUUTO.... SUDDENLY GOING FOR MY BREASTS IS A LITTLE.....

I WAS HOPING WE COULD AT LEAST KISS FIRST.

Himari?!

.....
ER, HUH?

shake

HMPH! I KNOW NOT THE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT I FIGURED IT BEST TO STOP THE YOUNG MASTER FOR NOW

!!

What do you think you're doing, stupid cat?!

AS I THOUGHT THE TEMPLE GUYS PUT MY BODY IN DURESS BUT I WAS RIGHT IN COMING HERE

GOOD SCENE THAT YOU RUINED!!

Pakkado

IT WAS A REALLY REALLY. REALLY

Today..... Today I am definitely going to make you pay for this!!

HOW AMUSING I'LL BE SURE TO SEE THAT PEOPLE SHOW PITY ON YOUR CORPSE

I.....
WON....

THANK GOODNESS THE TEMPLE MADE HER WEAKER.

RINKO...
.....?

huff

huff

Why is Hunari sprawled out on the ground?

YEOW...OW
OWOWOW?

LMMM....
RINKO-SAN?

W- WAIT A MINUTE. CONTINUE...
.....?
RINKO?

Y.....
YUUTO, I WON. SO LET'S CONTINUE, SHALL WE?

I AM A CUTE LITTLE GIRL. ♡

AS LONG AS YUUTO TIES THESE RIBBONS IN MY HAIR,

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BENEATH THIS RURAL SKY,

LIES A QUAINT TOWN WHERE NOT EVEN 10 TRAINS PASS ON IT'S SINGLE LINE OF TRACK.

zz z zz

TO BE FRANK, I DON'T REMEMBER A WHOLE LOT ABOUT IT.

TEN YEARS AGO, I LIVED HERE AT MY GRANDFATHER'S HOME.

BUT I WONDER WHAT MADE HER WANT TO TAKE ME BACK TO GRANDPA'S HOUSE ALL OF A SUDDEN.

BUUK DIZZYING MONDAY (GURUGURU MEANS TO SPIN AROUND THE THIN TEXT SAYS "MONDAY")

HIMARI, THAT IS.

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SEVERAL DAYS AGO...

HMMMM...

HMMHMMM HMMM....

SO NOW THAT ITS EFFECTS HAVE WORN OFF, WHAT ARE YOU DOING SCOWLING AND HMMMMING AT IT?

WHEN MEDICINE IS MADE TOO STRONG, IT WILL TURN INTO POISON.... OR SO 'TIS SAID.

INDEED.

'TIS A CHARM OF CONSIDERABLE POWER THAT HATH KEPT THE YOUNG MASTER'S POWERS HIDDEN FROM US SPIRITS.

IS THAT AMAKAWA'S.. ... AMULET?

splatter

!

That's not true! I objected!"

BUT...

Grip

MY POWERS HAD ALREADY AWAKENED... THINGS 'TWOULD HAVE BEEN FINE IF THEY LET ME PROTECT HIM...

I will not allow him to completely forget about me!!

He hath completely forgot about the whole of his childhood and me!

OH....?

Clench

THERE HAVE BEEN FAR TOO MANY GIRLS WHO HAVE COME CLOSE TO THE YOUNG MASTER LATELY.

EVEN THOUGH THE BONDS THE YOUNG MASTER AND I SHARE SHOULD BE TOO GREAT TO EVEN BE COMPARED TO.

THIS NOT GOOD IS THERE ANY WAY TO MAKE HIM REMEMBER?

CAT I HAVE ONE THING TO SAY TO YOU

How could my precious young master possibly forget his selfish, spoiled little cat?!!

YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT THIS AN ANGEL JUT FOR BEING JUST A BODYGUARD

IT'S HIS ALLERGY

WHAT'S LIMITING YOUR ABILITY TO BE WITH HIM ISN'T HIS POWER OR HIS MEMORIES

MEOW

WOAH! THIS PLACE IS REALLY OUT IN THE BOONIES!

AND, YET, IT'S STILL CALLED A "CITY."

TL'S NOTE: IN JAPAN, CITY NAMES ARE ALWAYS MARKED BY THE SIZE AFTERWARDS

THOUGH WHEN I LIVED HERE IT WAS ALWAYS CALLED A "VILLAGE."

I GUESS SOME OF THE NEIGHBORING AREAS JOINED TOGETHER TO MAKE "NOIHARA CITY"

JEEZ, WE TOOK A TAXI FROM THE STATION AND YET WE'RE STILL WALKING ANYWAY.

'TIS NOT LIKE YE HAD TO ACCOMPANY US ON THIS TRIP.

I WISH THERE WAS MORE WATER.

HMPH. I FAILED TO NOTICE THY PRESENCE WHEN I SAID THAT

THE YOUNG MASTER TWAS THE ONLY PERSON I SAW.

GRR RRR

YOUNG MASTER! GET THY THINGS READY! WE'RE GOING TO YOUR GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE!

I GOT WORRIED WHEN YOUR EXPRESSION CHANGED LIKE THAT, SO I CAME.

THIS IS MY TERRITORY DON'T THINK I WILL GO LIGHTLY ON THEE

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING, BUT DON'T THINK THAT I'M GOING TO LET YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WITH HIM.

I'LL LEARN EVERYTHING I CAN ABOUT THE AMAKAWA LINE OF DEMON SLAYERS HERE AND SHAPE YOU INTO THE KIND OF GUY I LIKE ..

I'M A REALLY NICE... GIRL.

FOR SOME REASON I FIND SHIZUKU THE SCARIEST OF YOU ALL..

.. AND WHILE THEY'RE AT IT, I'LL HAVE YOU AS MY LOVE TOY ALL TO MYSELF

THIS LOOKS LIKE A REALLY TRADITIONAL HOME

IT IS NOTHING HATH CHANGED

WE'RE HERE

PHEW THANK GOODNESS I THOUGHT I WAS ABOUT TO DIE FROM THE HEAT

HURRY UP AND GET ME SOME WATER TO DRINK

UH

THIS IS GRANDPA'S

Have you come home, Hinari?!

Hinari?

I AM A TATAMI CHILD. MY NAME IS KAYA.

PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE

NOPE. NOT A THING! ♡

AYE, I'M BACK.

HATH ANYTHING CHANGED WHILE I WAS AWAY?

HMM?

SAY, HIMARI, WHO'S SHE?

SO SHE'S A SPIRIT TOO?

A TATAMI ..... CHILD?

UH... ..

Not me

SFX: *GLARE*

IF YOU WERE DEAD, HIMARI WOULD STAY HERE ALL THE TIME!

SHE WOULDN'T GO ANYWHERE!

WH..... WHAT?

AMAKAWA YUUTO,

AFTER GRANDPA GEN DIED, KAYA TOOK CARE OF THE HOUSE ALL BY HERSELF.

FORGIVE HER. SHE DOTH SPEAK BEFORE SHE THINK, BUT SHE DOTH NOT MEAN ANY HARM.

IF YOU MESS ANYTHING UP, I'LL SWEEP YOU OUT WITH THE GRASS BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

SFX: WHACK

HOLD THY TONGUE.

OUCH.

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!

Mwe mwe mwe mwe

THANKS FOR HAVING ME OVER!

OVER!

Mwem

Mwem

'TIS NOT THE TIME TO BE CHATTING IN THIS HEAT.

LET'S GO INSIDE.

Mwe

Mwe

And look at these clothes!

The young master bought them for me!!

Don't tell them things like that! You're embarrassing me!!

=LLLLL

LLLLLL

THE YOUNG MASTER HAS GROWN SO MUCH!!

LOOK, GRAND FATHER, GRAND MOTHER!

COUGH...

MY PARENTS BROKE OFF ALL CONTACT WITH MY GRANDPARENTS SO THEY DIDN'T EVEN COME TO THE FUNERAL....

.....oh, come on. Stop emitting strange auras.

OH? DOST THOU NOT KNOW THE PROPER WAY TO SPEAK TO A DEMON SLAYER?

GRR!!

I don't need to hear that from someone who prances around in western clothes, squealing like a giddy little school girl!!

I-I ALWAYS MADE SURE TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU.

"Blush"

SO... BE SURE TO INTRODUCE ME TO YOUR GRANDPARENTS ... OK?

sigh

WH-WHO ARE YOU?

She looks strong...

NOW.... WOULD YOU SHOW ME THE BOOKS OF THE AMAKAWA FAMILY?

WHERE... ARE THEY?

IT DOESN'T MATTER. LET HER SEE THEM.

THAT'S PROBABLY SOMETHING I SHOULD KNOW BEST.

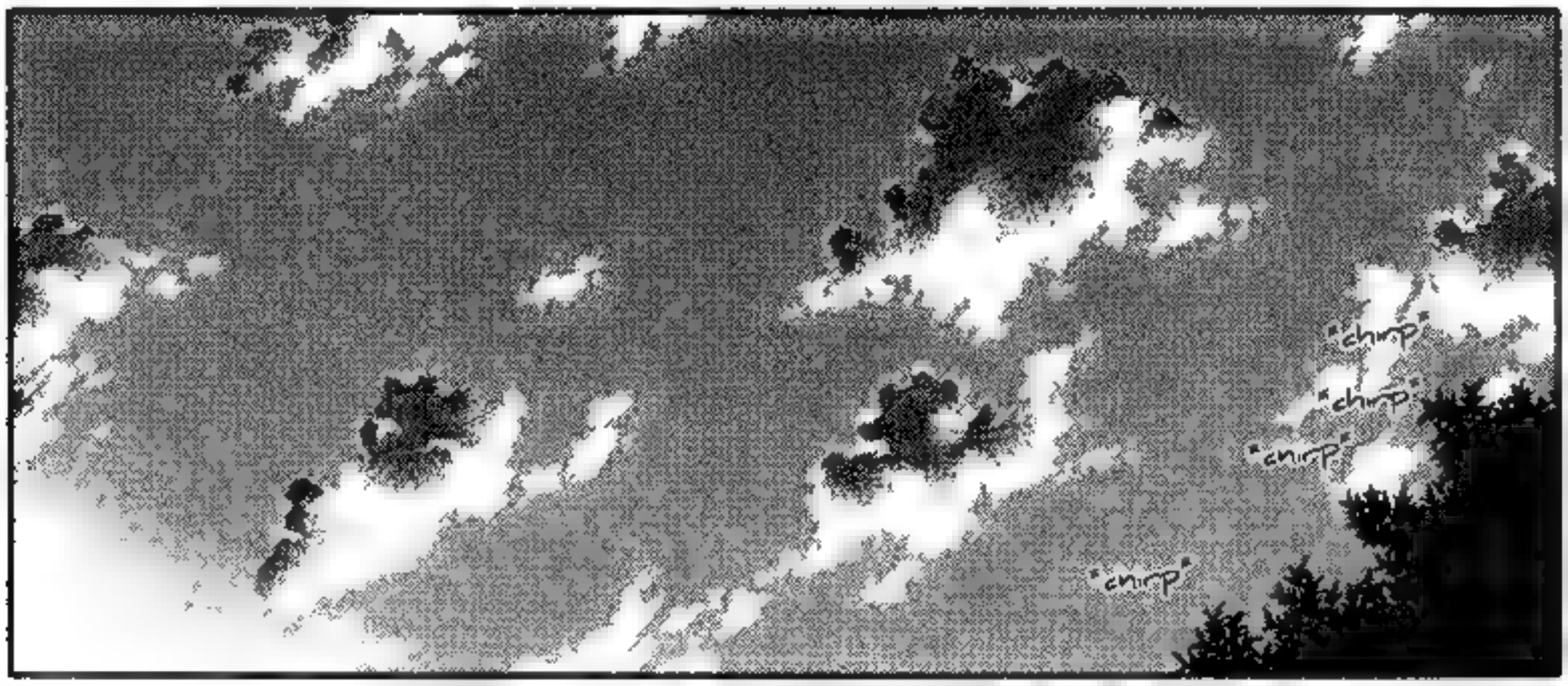
.....
IF YOU DID, I WOULDN'T SHOW YOU... ANY MERCY.

AS LONG AS I DON'T CHANGE MY MIND, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ATTACK ME, RIGHT?

THAT EVEN HIMARI IS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT....

ALL I REALLY KNOW IS...

HAVE MY POWERS MANIFESTED OR NOT.... OR IS SOMETHING ELSE HAPPENING?



I WAS PROBABLY HERE WITH HIMARI A LONG TIME AGO.

flutter

flutter

HUH...

IT REALLY IRKS ME THAT MY MEMORY IS SO FUZZY.

HIMARI.

DOTH SOMETHING TROUBLE THEE, YOUNG MASTER?

HAST THOU REMEMBERED SOMETHING?

MILORD'S HEAD DOTH SEEM TO BE MORE DENSE BONED THAN A TV WITH A POOR PICTURE.

SWISH

WHAT...!!

!.....

LONG AGO THERE ALWAYS HELD ME TIGHTLY

I DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHEN I WAS JUST A KID?

JUST NOW SOMETHING IS

!

HEEHEE HEHEE HAEH

W-WAIT THAT'S GAH!

I SHOULD HAVE JUST DONE THIS FROM THE BEGINNING

I... IT'S NO USE. BEFORE I COULD EVEN REMEMBER ANYTHING...

AHH.

AHHH...

AHH..

MY HEAD FEELS LIKE IT'S GOING IN THE GUTTER.

LONG AGO, THY ALLERGIES DIDN'T GET AGGRAVATED EVEN WHEN WE WERE LIKE THIS.

HIMARI'S BREASTS ARE SO SOFT....

'press'

'press'

WOAH!!

SFX: *RUMBLING/TENSION*

SFX: *TWOCK*

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO HIMARI..... YOU ANIMAL!

WWWWW WWWWW WWWait!!!

Me?! Me?! To her?!!

*shunk

SIGH

SON OF THE AMAKAWAS.....

DINNER IS..... READY.

Don't think you'll make it back alive!!!

SINCE THE CAT HAD A FIT OF SELFISHNESS WE CAME TO THE HEAD OF THE AMAKAWA FAMILY'S HOME IN NUWARA

OH I SEE

BUT THE BOOKS I'VE FOUND ARE REALLY QUITE INTERESTING

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING REALLY STRANGE ABOUT THE LAND HERE

THE POWER OF THE AMAKAWA LINE OF DEMON SLAYERS AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EVIL THAT SHOULD BE FEARED TO THEM

AMAKAWA YUKI

WHAT ARE YOU DOING JUST SLEEPING WITHOUT A CARE IN THE WORLD?

UUUU

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YOU'RE .
YEAH,
I REMEMBER
....

LONG AGO
WE WERE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER,
WEREN'T WE?

HUH?
OR WAS IT ME
WHO WAS THE
ONE THAT FELL
DOWN?

COME ON
DROP
DOWN

BUT I WAS NEVER REALLY SCARED BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE WITH ME.

WHEN I FELL OFF THAT CLIFF AND COULDN'T GET BACK, I REALLY THOUGHT THINGS WOULD GO BAD

AND BRUISES BUT

IT WAS ALL FROM YOU JUST BEING THERE

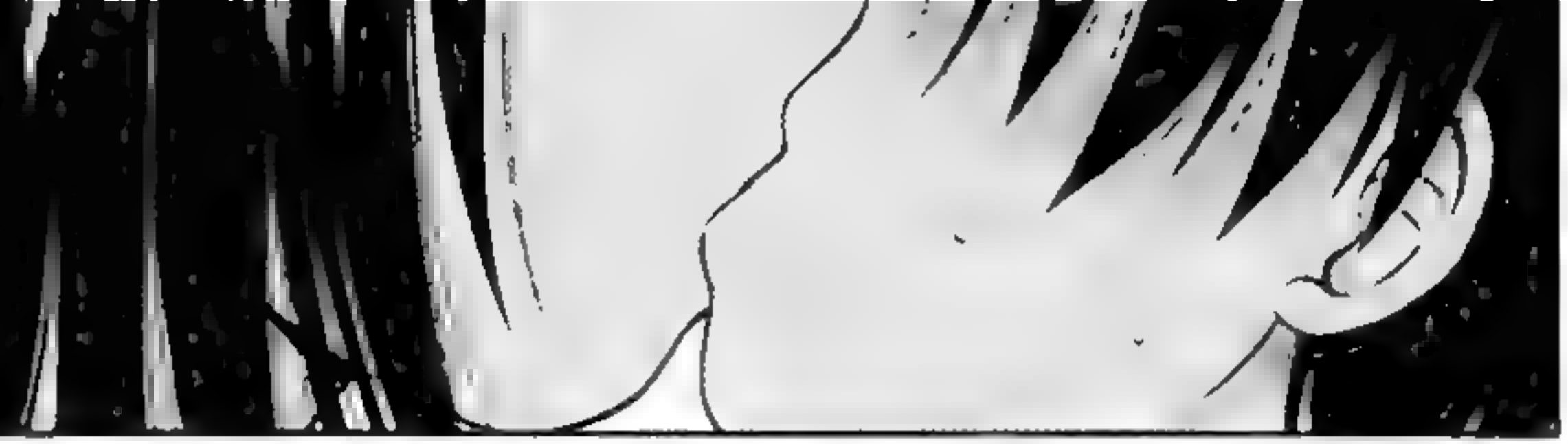
YEAH.

SHE'S SOMEONE THAT WILL BE WITH YOU FOR A LONG TIME

LISTEN YUKITO THIS GIRL HERE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR LIFE

YEAH!

WELL WELL YOU SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG QUITE WELL WITH HIKARI



WH.... WHAT WAS THAT?

IT... WASN'T A DREAM. IT WAS A MEMORY OF THE PAST. I KNOW THAT MUCH.

HUH?

My allergies?

MEOW
.....

pat
pat
pat

HEY,
WAIT!

YOU'RE

I'M SURE OF IT.
THAT'S THE CAT
THAT LIVED
AROUND HERE A
LONG TIME AGO.

MMEEEN
MMEEEN

SNIFFLE
SNIFFLE

Mwe Mwe
MweMwe
MweMwe

RUN!

PAT
PAT

YOU'RE THAT CAT FROM WHEN I WAS A KID, RIGHT?

I SEE, YOU'RE .....

THOU ART SLOW, FOOLISH ONE.

It feels kind of surreal to see a talking cat

S-SORRY. I JUST HAD A LOT OF MEMORIES FROM BEFORE FLOOD IN.

OH? IS THAT SO?

W-WELL ...

'TIS NOT LIKE GROWING UP WITH A TALKING CAT IS SOMETHING A NORMAL PERSON COULDEST BELIEVE, RIGHT?

Bullseye

NO MATTER WHAT WE DID, IT WAS TOGETHER.

GRANDPA GEN AND I HAD BOTH AGREED THAT THOU WERE A CHILD WHOSE FUTURE HAD BEST BE SECURED.

HOWEVER, ONE DAY THOU SUDDENLY FLED FROM MY SIGHT

WOAH!

POUNCE

'TIS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT I THOUGHT BY SHOWING THEE THIS FORM,

THAT IT MIGHT FINALLY CLEAR UP ANY CONFUSION.

WAG

WAG

Meow!

D-DON'T MISUNDER-STAND! I WAS NOT LONELY OR ANYTHING!

SORRY. MY PARENTS TOOK ME AWAY .

SWOOOOOSH

AND TILL THIS MOMENT, IT VEXED ME SO THAT THOU HADST NOT REMEMBERED A THING ABOUT ME.

'TIS JUST THOU HAD LEFT WITH-OUT EVEN A WORD.

AS THY PUNISHMENT, THOU ART TO HOLD ME TILL I AM SATISFIED

SFX *RUSTLE RUSTLE*

I'VE FOUND YOU, AMAKAWA YUUTO!

I WAS THINKING OF HOW I WAS GOING TO LURE YOU OUT.

I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO COME RUNNING OUT BY YOURSELF WITHOUT EVEN A CARE.

.....

.....

WH.... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO DOING?!!

.....

THOU CERTAINLY DOST NOT KNOW HOW TO READ A MOOD

ART THOU TRYING TO GET A TASTE OF MY WRATH?

I AM AGEHA! AGEHA, THE HIENMA!!

I HAVE COME TO TAKE THE LIFE OF AMAKAWA YUUTO!

UGH!!

HOW DRUVE

HIMARI ?!

YOU HOW DID YOU GET A SWORD?!

WHERE IS SHE ?

tat

ter

snap

!!

I HAD LEFT MY SWORD AND CLOTHES IN THAT TREE OVER THERE.

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT THEE, BUT I CHANGED INTO CAT FORM HERE

EEEEEEE EEEEEEE EEEEEK!!

HURRY AND COVER THEM UP.

HOWEVER, I DO NOT CARE TO ALLOW ANOTHER WOMAN SHOW THE YOUNG MASTER HER BREASTS.

!!

AGEHA

ALL RIGHT
ALL RIGHT
I GOT IT

A HINAGAMA
IS AN EVIL
SPIRIT WHO
DUTH DRAIN
THE BLOOD
OF A MAN
YOUNG
MASTER

HUMAN!

THE CURRENT
HEAD OF THE
AMAKAWA FAMILY
IS A MAN WHO
DUTH NOT WISH TO
FIGHT SPIRITS BUT
TO MAKE A WORLD
WHERE HUMANS
AND SPIRITS CAN
COEXIST IF
POSSIBLE

WILT THOU
RECONSIDER
THY DESIRE FOR
HIS LIFE AND
WITHDRAW?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM.

HA.....

AHAHA.... WITHDRAW BECAUSE HE WANTS TO CO-EXIST?

BUT I, I KILL DEMON-SLAYERS

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

TO IMPROVE MY OWN STATUS!!

SO THOU ART ONE WHO KILLS WITHOUT THINKING OF THE CONSE-QUENCES.

Pop

HUH ?

THOU CANST NOT YET FIGHT, YOUNG MASTER.

WA... HIMA ...

SW

IF THOU DOTH INSiST, I SHALL DANCE WITH THEE,

HI-NOENMA!!

ISH

.....!

BUT I AM SATISFIED THAT THOU HAST REMEMBERED THE DAYS THOU SPENT WITH ME.

I WOULD TURN MY BLADE AGAINST THE ENTIRE WORLD FOR THEE.

'TIS ALL THAT I NEED TO FIGHT.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE AND TALK WHEN FACING AN ENEMY, CAT!!

SFX: SWISH

SFX: CLANG

!!

SFX: SMASH

WOAH!!

NYAAA ?!!

YOUNG MASTER, GET OUT OF HERE! GET BACK TO THE HOUSE!

RIGHT.

WHAT.... THE....?

TL'S NOTE . A GIANT FROM JAPANESE LEGEND

A DAIDA-RABOTCH?!

CRASH

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT SHE HAD SOME-THING LIKE THIS WITH HER

I-IT'S HUGE ....

CRASH

NOW— SQUISH HIM LIKE A BUG!!

HAHAHAHA-HAHAHA. THERE'S NO ESCAPE FOR YOU, DEMON-SLAYER!!

.....

UNEXPECTED

HUH?! THEY'RE GONE!!

AS LONG AS BOTH THE BOY AND THE CAT GIRL ARE BOTH KILLED...

ALL RIGHT, FINE, BE THAT WAY.

WHAT? YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE DEMON-SLAYER? YOU WANT TO TAKE THE CAT GIRL ALONE?

I CAN RUN BY MYSELF! PUT ME DOWN!!

WHAT'S WRONG? THOU CANST HOLD ON TO ME TIGHTER .. .. ♡

SFX: "WHUMP"

YIOAH

WOAH. WOAH

SFX: RUSTLE X4

IT SHOULDEST NOT DESIRE FRIVOLOUS KILLING.

THE DAIDA-RABOTCH IS NOT AN EVIL SPIRIT ITSELF.

IT'LL KILL YOU IN ONE HIT!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE OK?!

SHIZUKU AND KAYA ARE BACK AT THE HOUSE.

RUN ON AHEAD OF ME.

DON'T LOOK SO EAGER TO KILL THINGS, ALL RIGHT?

YOU WERE A LITTLE SCARY BACK THEN, YOU KNOW?

WELL THEN... IT SEEMS AS THOUGH I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO.

HIMARI.

Heh...

I WILL DO MY BEST.

SHE'LL DO HER BEST .....?

WHY DOESN'T SHE SAY THAT SHE WOULDN'T DO IT AT ALL?

HIMARI---

PUTTING THAT ASIDE, I'VE GOT TO HURRY!

YUUTO! LOOK OUT!!

I'VE GOT TO TELL KAYA AND SHIZUKU!!

!

RINKO?

SFX: BOOM X4

WH... WHAT THE?!

Pillars?

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

YUUTO, GET OVER HERE! HURRY!!

OH. HE'S STILL ALIVE.

STEP

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?!

WH.... WH....

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

HEY. BRO...

TWITCH

TWITCH

TWITCH

Chapter 12: The Cat Who Lost Her Heart and the Boy Who Stole It:

NOT BAD FOR GOING TWO AGAINST ONE.

DO YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOUR BELOVED MASTER THAT MUCH, CAT?!!

FOR INSTANCE, IF THY DAIDA-RABOTCH FRIEND HERE WERE TO SMASH THE HOUSE

A TATARI COULD BE THERE INSIDE AND SHE IS MOST CAPABLE OF PROTECTING HIM.

IF HE HATH REALMED THE AMAKANA ESTATE THERE ARE RULES THERE TO RELIEVE HIM.

DAMN!

HEH HEH HEH THERE'S PROBABLY NO NEED FOR ME TO GO

I WON'T LET THEE FOLLOW THE KING MASTER HIMSELF

STEP

SASA IS SURE TO HAVE THAT DEMON-SLAYER PULVERIZED INTO DUST BY NOW

WHAT DIDST THOU SAY?

Chapter 12: The Cat Who Lost Her Heart and the Boy Who Stole It.

YUUTO, RUN!

That guy really gives me the creeps!

TWITCH

TWITCH

COME ON, BRO! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! ♡

TWITCH

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS LET A PILLAR HIT YOU, CRUSH YOU, AND KILL YOU, SPLATTERING YOUR BLOOD EVERY-WHERE.... HEH HEH HEH.

WH.... WOAAAH.

SFX: *RUMBLE*

SFX ZWOOOM

POINT

MY WATER PISTOL IS FEELING A LITTLE VIOLENT....

I'LL TEACH YOU A LESSON ON HOW NOT TO TOUCH SOMEONE ELSE'S... .. PLAY THING.

THIS WELL DOESN'T HAVE MUCH WATER INSIDE, BUT IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SHUT THAT TADARA UP.

DAMN

SHI-ZUKU!!

I WAS UP ALL NIGHT READING SO DON'T TRY TO MAKE ME DO ANYTHING THAT REQUIRES QUICK REACTIONS BUT

THANKS, SHIZUKU, YOU REALLY SAVED MY SKIN.

GO ON YOU GET INSIDE THE HOUSE.

HUH ...?

I CAN'T JUST LET YOU GO AND GET YOURSELF KILLED EITHER

!

YOU RAN AWAY, DIDN'T YOU AMAKAWA YUUTO?!

I CAN SEE IT FROM HERE

THAT HUGE THING OUT THERE IS FIGHTING HIMARI, ISN'T IT?!

KAYA...

YOU LEFT HIMARI BEHIND AND RAN AWAY!

TWO AGAINST ONE?!

THAT'S NOT IT! THERE'S ANOTHER ONE CALLED A HINOENMA THERE TOO!

K-KAYA-CHAN...

SFX *STOMP*

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF THE HEIR TO THE AMAKAWA CLAN OF DEMON-SLAYERS?!

YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON HIMARI IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT AND JUST RAN?!

CAUSE IF SOMETHING DOES, I'M GOING TO RIP YOU INTO TINY LITTLE PIECES AND SCATTER YOU ALL OVER THE MOUN-TAIN!!!

YOU HAD BETTER HOPE THAT NOTHING HAPPENS TO HIMARI,

LIKE I'M GOING TO BELIEVE THAT!

I PLANNED TO COME AND GET HELP FROM THE START.

....I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF RUNNING INTO THE HOUSE AND HIDING.

I'LL GO HELP HIMARI MYSELF.

YEAH, I WAS A LITTLE LATE IN REALIZING THAT.

I'LL GO AND HELP ..... HER.

IF A TATAMI CHILD STEPS OUTSIDE OF THE HOUSE, SHE'S JUST A REGULAR K D.... SHE'S NOT AN OPTION WHEN IT COMES TO A FIGHT

YOU WOULD DO THE SAME THING IN MY SITUATION, WOULDN'T YOU?

I JUST CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE

WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YUUTO?! DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

RINKO

TAKE THAT WITH YOU

BUT

W-WELL... THAT'S TRUE BUT

THAT STICK WILL PROBABLY SAVE YOU IN A STICKY SITUATION

!

YOU'D BEST BE ON GUARD TO ENSURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN IF IT'S NOT WHAT YOU WANT

NOT TURN BACK TO NORMAL?

RUNNING

WE ARE SPIRITS THE CAT ESPECIALLY IS AN ANIMAL THAT HAS HUNTING INSTINCTS.

IF THOSE INSTINCTS WERE TO TAKE OVER ON A DESPERATE IMPULSE, THERE'S A CHANCE SHE MIGHT NEVER TURN BACK TO NORMAL.

YOU'RE RIGHT. WITH THIS I CAN DRIVE THOSE GUYS OFF WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU AND HIMARI PROUD.

THERE'S ONE OTHER THING.

There, there

If you can do it then go. do it.

.NOW THEN. SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING

WATER SLICES THROUGH EVERYTHING. IT BORES THROUGH EVERYTHING....

....IT WAS FUN. ALMOST LIKE CHEATING.....

AND NOW THAT YOU'VE STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE .. I'LL SHOW YOU THAT YOU'RE PLAYING IN THE WRONG LEAGUE!

SFX SWISH X5

HIMARI HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED ME SO I JUST DEPENDED ON HER ...

THAT'S RIGHT, I RAN AWAY.

I DIDN'T EVEN LOOK FOR SOME-THING I COULD DO TO HELP AS AN EXCUSE I TOLD MYSELF, "I'M JUST A NORMAL HUMAN, WHAT CAN I DO?"

RIGHT AFTER SAYING I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT WITH SPIRITS, I LET HIMARI DO ALL THE REST.

HANG ON, HIMARI! I'M COMING FOR YOU!

AHAHA. YOU'RE RUNNING OUT OF BREATHING ROOM, CRIMSON BLADE.

IF THOU WILLST NOT MOVE, THEN I'LL RUN THROUGH THEE!

OUT OF MY WAY!!

!

DAMN...

SHE GOT ME

GASP

SFX: *SPLATTER*

YOUNG MASTER, I'M SORRY

Y-YOUNG MASTER!!

SFX "RUS-LE"

OH? LOOKS LIKE SASA WASN'T ABL TO KILL YOU AFTER ALL

HAHA . LOOKS LIKE I MADE IT.

Y-YOU FOOL! WHAT DOST THOU INTEND TO DO BY COMING BACK!?

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE PROTECTED BY GIRLS ALL THE TIME .

I'VE GOTTA SHOW A MORE MANLY SIDE

AND DO THE PROTECTING EVERY NOW AND AGAIN. . YOU KNOW?

AW!

Y-YOU FOOL! I'M TRYING TO.....

DRIP....

SFX: *THUMP THUMP*

WH .... WHAT IS THIS?

WHAT IS THAT RED STUFF?

YOUNG MASTER. WHAT IS THAT COMING OUT OF THY BACK?

AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAH!!

WAIT JUST A MINUTE

NO.....

'TIS THE WORK OF

SFX: "THUMP THUMP"

EEEK!

SFX: WHAM

I'LL KILL YOU...

YOUNG MASTER...

YOUNG MASTER...

YOUNG MASTER...

HA!

DAIDA-
RABOTCH!

WH ....
AT'S....?

SFX: "ZWAAAP"

NO WAY...

HIMARI...?

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH HIMARI?

D-DON'T DO IT HIMARI! BACK OFF!!

CUT IT OUT, HIMARI!!

SFX: *GLOW*

SFX WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOSH

YUUTO...

THE CRIMSON BLADE OF NOHARA AND THE POWER OF THE AMAKAWA CLAN...

NOW I'VE SEEN IT

I DIDN'T DO IT TO SAVE YOU.

WH- WHY DID YOU....

I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIMARI ACT ANY STRANGER THAN SHE JUST DID.

....
SHE'S ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR ME WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED, BUT THIS WAS ALWAYS A RISK SHE TOOK WHEN FIGHTING
...

I-I'LL LET YOU OFF THE HOOK TODAY.

I NEVER REALIZED IT BEFORE.

To be continued_

Afterword:

A LOT HAS HAPPENED, BUT
VOLUME 2 FINALLY CAME OUT!
WHETHER IT'S SERIOUS,
OR COMICAL,
I'LL DO WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP
THE PHEROMONES
IN A JITTER.
I'LL TRY NOT TO BETRAY ANY
HOPES YOU MIGHT HAVE
FOR THE FUTURE (W).

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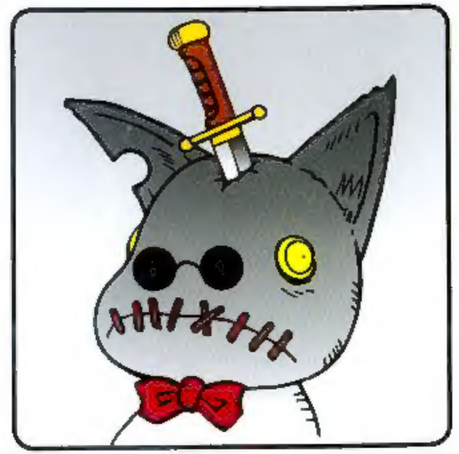

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